

What give you the power to strive on when you are facing difficulties? My answer is hope. Hope is like magical power, giving me the ability to conquer everything in life, giving me inspiration to go the extra mile. Without hope, my life would be filled with obscurity and emptiness.

“Hope for the better and not worry for the worse.” I believe that in all things, one should always be hopeful, instead of being apprehensive. After all, hope is the bright shining light which keeps darkness at bay.

Have you ever feared of losing your loved ones? Six years ago, I had experienced it. My younger brother who was three year-old had febrile seizures with a high fever of about forty degree Celsius. I was so fretful, fearing that I would lose him. Having seen all the worries written on face, my father told me a story of my late grandfather.

My grandfather was diagnosed with lung cancer and had to undergo an excruciating process known as chemotherapy. He had to go through it copious times, resulting in his extreme weight and hair loss as each day passed. However, my father said that my grandfather was unlike any other cancer patients, even though he was in agony, he still put on a cheerful front and said, “Having cancer doesn’t mean that it is the end of world. All of you shouldn’t be worried that I will die but instead hope that I will be cured. We must always hope for the better and not worry for the worse.” In the end, my grandfather had fight the cancer cells, surviving through the torturous process.

The story of my late grandfather has taught me that one should always carry hope in life. I started to be more optimistic and hope for my brother’s speedy recovery. Soon, my brother’s fever had slowly subsided and he started to recover. Ever since that incident, I believe in hope.

Unfortunately, not everyone possesses and believes in hope. Recently, a person who stayed in my neighbourhood had committed suicide. Though I did not witness this gruesome incident, but still many questions assailed in my mind. Is committing suicide the best solution to all problems? I doubt so. People commit suicide because they could not find their gleam of light and do not believe in hope. Thus, they abandon their hopes. They abandon their opportunities to live. If those hopeless people were to embrace hope in life, the last chapter of their lives would certainly have a different twist.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe once said, “In all things it is better to hope than to despair.” I believe that with hope, one will be able to live to their fullest. With hope, life will be a myriad of colours. With hope, success will be around the corner!

